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THE MAITREYA TEMPLE OF BASGO HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS WORLD'S 100 MOST ENDANGERED HERITAGE SITE FOR THE YEAR 2000-2001 BY THE WORLD MONUMENT FUND U.S.A. THIS PARTICULAR SITE IS ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY ADORNED AND PROMINENT SITE IN LADAKH FROM 1445-1650 AD THE FAMOUS CASTLE OF BASGO RABRTANS LHAIRISE KHAR IS IN NOW COMPLETE RUIN. STATE HOWEVER THERE EXIST THREE MAITREYA TEMPLE IN VARYING SIZE AND IMPORTANCE. THE PATRONS OF THESE TEMPLE ARE

1. CHAMBA (MAITREYA) TEMPLE: THE PATRON OF THE MAITREYA IMAGE DULTI IN CLAY WAS THE KING DRAKSPA BUMDE IN (C. 1450-1490) COLOURFUL FRESCO PAINTINGS WERE CARRIED OUT DURING THE REIGN OF KING TSEWANG NAMGYAL (C. 1580-1600)
2. SERZANG TEMPLE: BUILDING OF COPPER GILT MAITREYA IMAGE WAS THOUGHT STARTED DURING THE REIGN OF KING JAMYANG NAMGAL IN (C. 1600-1615) BUT COULD HAVE COMPLETED BY KING SINGGE NAMGYAL IN 1622 AD. MANY IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS BOOKS LIKE KANGUR AND STANGUR WRITTEN IN FIVE PRECIOUS COLOUR HAS BEEN PRESERVED IN THIS TEMPLE.
3. CHAM CHUNG TEMPLE: THIS BUILT BY THE BALTI PRINCE GYAL KHATUN THE KING JAMYANG NAMGYAL IN (C. 1600-1615) WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT IN THE SHAPE OF A MOSQUE BUT LATER CONVERTED TO MAITREYA TEMPLE WHEN SHE EMBRACED BUDDHISM. PRESENTLY THIS SITE IS FACING UNAVOIDABLE NATURAL DESTRUCTION AND IS ALMOST ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. THE BASGO WELFARE COMMITTEE A SOCIAL ORGANISATION OF THIS VILLAGE COMPRISED A DEDICATED GROUP OF VOLUNTARY WORKERS HAVE TAKEN UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRESERVATION OF THIS HISTORIC SITE UNDER THE ACTIVE GUIDANCE OF THE TIBETAN CLASSICS TRANSLATOR GUILD OF NEW YORK U.S.A. HEMIS MONASTERY OWNS THE MAIN CHAMBA TEMPLE AND SERZANG TEMPLE IS OWNED BY THE BASGO VILLAGE.

*Basgo Welfare Committee Basgo.*

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RESERVATION OF THIS HISTO-  
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